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**OPTIONAL RIDER FOR PROOF OF
ADDITIONAL NVOCC FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

AGENCY: Federal Maritime Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Extension of Time.

SUMMARY: Upon consideration of two requests, the Commission has determined to extend the comment period in this matter.

DATES: Comments are now due on February 27, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this proposed rule to:

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

The Commission by Notice of Proposed Rulemaking published January 29, 2004, 69 Fed. Reg. 4271-4273, proposed to amend its regulations governing proof of financial responsibility for ocean transportation intermediaries. The Commission proposes to allow an optional rider for additional coverage to be filed with a licensed non-vessel-operating common carrier's proof of financial responsibility for such carriers serving the U.S. oceanborne trade with the People's Republic of China.

The American Surety Association and The Surety Association of America are seeking a seven-day extension of time to Friday, February 27, 2004, to file comments. In support of this request, the parties advise that they require additional time to complete and submit their comments. The Commission has determined to grant the requests. Comments are now due on Friday, February 27, 2004.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. L. VanBrakle', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Bryant L. VanBrakle
Secretary